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MAL'S MESSAGE

As we are set to begin a new school year, we have decided to issue a department newsletter for the expressed purpose of increasing our communication level with our donors, fans, staff, former student-athletes, and everyone who loves the crimson and white.

Football season – the second year of Coach Nick Saban's regime – is just around the corner. Interest in our program is at an all-time time; and Coach Saban's generous donation of $1 million to the University for his special scholarship displays his total commitment to Alabama. There is little doubt with his leadership in the football area, much brighter days are on the horizon.

While football is vital to our University, so are all of our sports, coaches and athletes. They are your common bond with the Crimson Tide, and I am hopeful through these newsletters that you can learn how many outstanding young men and women that we have representing the University of Alabama.

I've been asked to reflect on some of the special memories I have on opening days as our game with Clemson approaches. Here are just a few:

I like to tell people I was the starting quarterback for one day in the spring of 1962. Then Joe Namath took his first snap with the varsity and never looked back. We opened against Georgia (on September 22 by the way) and Joe threw three TD passes in a 35-0 win.

I was a young assistant coach in 1965 when the team opened in Athens. Dude Hennessey and I were sent to Austin, Tex., to scout Tulane. Georgia upset us 18-17 that afternoon, and I don't remember much about the Tulane-Texas game, other than Dude and I dreading the trip back to Tuscaloosa. Despite that opening loss, we bounced back and won the national championship that year when we beat Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

The 1971 opener at Southern Cal has to be the most memorable opener for me. Playing a small role in installing the wishbone in the best kept secret of all-time in college football is something you just don't forget. Upsetting USC 17-10 on the Friday night in the Los Angeles Coliseum was one of the finest hours ever for the Crimson Tide.
We beat California, a team loaded with future NFL stars, 66-0 to open the 1973 season. We knew we had something special on offense entering the season but that group exceeded all of our expectations. We set just about every offensive record imaginable that year.

The 1978 game against Nebraska at Legion Field was special, too. We got behind 3-0 in the first quarter and started the second quarter lined up inches from our own goal. We drove 99 plus yards and took up over 13 minutes in scoring a touchdown right before half. I don't remember how many plays we ran but we only threw a couple of times, with one of them being a short pass from Jeff Rutledge to Major Ogilvie for six points.

I was out of coaching in 1998 when we opened the season against Brigham Young in the expanded stadium. I remember watching from the boxes and marveling at the growth of the stadium. It was a hot, hot night but Shaun Alexander was magnificent, scoring five touchdowns in a 38-31 win.

The 2006 opener against Hawaii was even more special because we played in the expanded and renovated Bryant-Denny Stadium that featured the north end zone and the plaza area. We had several special ceremonies, leading up the game, but right before the game we invited all the former players to walk on the field prior to the kickoff. It was just a humbling moment for me to look up and see 92,138 fans and the excitement on the faces of all those guys who had helped sustain the traditions of our program. We beat Hawaii 25-17, which made it even better.

Of course, last year was special, too, with Coach Saban leading us on the field for the first time. We had Coach and the team leaving the locker room on the jumbotron and seeing and hearing the response from the fans was something I'll never forget. Those are just a few of my personal memories. I look forward to watching all of our teams compete this year, because I know they will compete with class and pride.

Not only will football be starting its season soon, but also our volleyball, soccer and men's and women's cross country teams begin their practice sessions as well. Coach Judy's Green volleyball squad is expected to compete for the SEC West title again and opens its 2008 schedule on August 29 with the annual Crimson Tide Invitational which features Iowa, Western Kentucky and Nicholls State.

Our soccer program begins a new era under head coach Todd Bramble, who comes to the Capstone from Clemson. We are expecting Coach Bramble to establish a nationally elite program in the upcoming years. Last year, Coach Joe Walker's men's cross country team finished sixth in the nation and he was the South Regional Coach of the Year. We have an opportunity to finish even higher this year.We know it is going to be another exciting year for our coaches, athletes and supporters. I look forward to watching all of them compete.

As all Crimson Tide fans know, we lost one of our most beloved fans early this month when John Mark Stallings passed away at his home outside Paris, Tex. I am fortunate to have known Johnny his entire 46 years; and he was an inspiration to me. Probably, no individual who never put on a helmet or coached a game touched more lives in a positive manner than John Mark. I really thank Coach and Ruth Ann for sharing him with all of us. Johnny's funeral was much like his life, an uplifting event, honoring this remarkable man. It touched everyone's heart just like Johnny did all of us fortunate to have known him.

We will miss you John Mark, and thank you for being the person you were.

NEWS

FROM THE MAL M. MOORE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

BASKETBALL

BAMA TO PLAY IN MAUI INVITATIONAL

The Crimson Tide will make its first ever appearance in one of college basketball's most popular regular season tournaments, the EA Sports Maui Invitational. Alabama will open the tournament against Oregon on Monday, November 24 and will play the winner/loser of a match-up between North Carolina and host school Chaminade. The eight team field include six teams that participated in the 2008 NCAA Championships, including 2008 Final Four team North Carolina and Elite 8 team Texas. Notre Dame, Indiana, and St. Joseph's also make up the field of the tournament which is in its 25th year.

FOOTBALL

BENNETT AND THOMAS HONORED BY THE SUN BOWL

Former football greats Cornelius Bennett and Derrick Thomas were among 75 players named to the Sun Bowl Association's 75th Anniversary All-Sun Bowl Team Association President Joe E. Valenzuela announced on Tuesday.

The Crimson Tide has appeared in three Sun Bowl games with wins over No. 6 SMU in 1983, Washington in 1986 and Army in 1988. Alabama has appeared in an NCAA-best 55 bowl games with an NCAA-leading 31 wins.

Bennett played in the 1983 Sun Bowl against SMU and the 1986 Sun Bowl against Washington. Bennett notched seven tackles in an upset win over the Mustangs in 1983 and was named the Sun Bowl MVP in 1986 against the Huskies with 11 tackles and a sack. He was named a 2007 Legend of the Sun Bowl.

Thomas was on the 1986 Sun Bowl squad and then helped the 1988 team record a comeback win over Army. He made eight tackles and broke up a pass against the Huskies in 1986. Thomas was the named the 1988 Jimmy Rogers, Jr. Most Valuable Lineman with sixth tackles, two for loss, a pass breakup and two blocked field goals.

COACH SABAN NAMED TO INDEPENDENCE BOWL HALL OF FAME

Coach Nick Saban was inducted into the Independence Bowl Hall of Fame this summer. His 1995 Michigan State squad participated in the game against LSU, while his 2007 Crimson Tide team defeated Colorado 30-24 this past December.

GYMNASTICS

GYMNAST ASHLEY O'NEAL NAMED ASHE WINNER

Alabama Gymnast Ashley O'Neal has been named a 2008 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar by "Diverse Issues in Higher Education" magazine.

"Diverse Issues in Higher Education" established the Ashe Awards to honor undergraduate students of color who have made achieving both academically and athletically a winning combination. To be included, students have to compete in an intercollegiate sport; maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2; and be active on their campuses or in their communities.

"This award encompasses everything our program strives for - success in the classroom and the gym as well as being active and positive members of the community," Alabama head coach Sarah Patterson said. "I am very proud of Ashley and what she has accomplished through hard work and determination. She is certainly very deserving of this honor."

TERRIN HUMPHREY HONORED

Two-time NCAA champion Terrin Humphrey was recently inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame as part of the 2003 World Championship. She won three event medals and helped the US team to its first team world title.

As a collegian, she won the 2005 and 2007 uneven bars and was a 10-time All-American while competing for Coach Sarah Patterson.

BASEBALL

JOSH RUTLEDGE NAMED FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN

Josh Rutlege was named to the 2008 Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American team by Collegiate Baseball newspaper, the long-time college baseball publication announced Wednesday afternoon.

Rutledge started 61 games for the Crimson Tide and led the team with a .369 (99 for 268) average with 11 extra base hits, 32 RBI and a team-best 62 runs scored. He is the second freshman in school history to lead the team in hitting, joining David Magadan, who hit a UA rookie record .389 in 1981. The 99 hits are the most in a season by an Alabama freshman and the 10th most in school history.

13 ATHLETES WITH UA TIES COMPETE IN BEIJING

While it has been well-documented that track coach Harvey Glance is an assistant coach at the 2008 Olympic Games, he is just one of 13 participants with University of Alabama connections in China.

ARGENTINA
Agustina de Giovanni, Swimming
(Women's 200 meter breaststroke)

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
Tahesia Harringan, Track & Field
(Women's 100 & 200 meter)

GERMANY
Anne Poleska, Swimming
(Women's 200 meter breaststroke)

GREECE
Apostolis Tsagkarakis, Swimming
(Men's 50 meter free, relays)

GRENADA
Trish Bartholomew, Track & Field
(Women's 400 meter)

HUNGARY
Hunor Mate, Swimming
(Men's 200 meter breaststroke)

KAZAKHSTAN
Vlad Polyakov, Swimming
(Men's 100 & 200 meter breaststroke)

LIBERIA
Kou Luogon, Track & Field
(Women's 400 meter hurdles)

ROMANIA
Stefan Gherghel, Swimming
(100 & 200 meter butterfly, relays)
Miruna Mataoanu, Track & Field
(Women's high jump)

UNITED STATES
Miguel Pate, Track & Field
(long jump)
Harvey Glance, Track & Field
(assistant coach)
Kelly Kretschman, Softball

VENEZUELA
Arlene Semeco, Swimming
(Women's 50 & 100 meter freestyle)

THE HEART AND SOUL

OF ALABAMA ATLETICS.

Approximately 15 percent of the Athletic Department's 2008-09 budget goes to fund athletic scholarships, making it possible to field teams in 21 men's and women's sports.

For the year, $11.6 million has been budgeted for distribution equating to 272 full scholarships. Six sports --- football, men's basketball, women's basketball, gymnastics, women's tennis, and women's volleyball – offer full scholarships to their student-athletes, while the remaining 15 sports offer "equivalencies," where each coach can distribute their sport's financial aid amount accordingly.

An in-state scholarship is valued at $16,942 annually. Tuition and fees are $6,700, room is $5,152, board (meals) is $4,690, and books are budgeted at $400.

An out-of-state scholarship is valued at $28,542 annually. Tuition and fees are $18,300, while room, board, and books are the same as for an in-state student.

Athletic Director Mal Moore puts to rest a long-held belief that student-athletes' tuition costs are waived by the University.

As a department, we pay for every cent of our student-athletes' scholarship costs," he said. "Just as we pay the housing office for our dorm rooms and Bama Dining for our meal costs, we pay the University for every student-athlete's tuition and fees, including full out-of-state tuition for our out-of-state students."

With scholarship costs constantly on the rise, Moore believes capital support for scholarship funding through the Crimson Tide Foundation is more important now than ever before.

"We provide many opportunities for our donors to help with scholarship funding," he said. "Scholarship endowments can be created with gifts to the Foundation, including fully endowed scholarships with a gift of at least $300,000. "

Major gifts aren't the only way a donor can assist with scholarship funding. "Last fall, we introduced the A+ Incentives Program, which was designed for everybody, even the $100 donor," Moore said. "All proceeds go directly to offset scholarship costs. And, there are several nice benefits offered for each donor."

More information on the Crimson Tide Foundation or the A+ Program may go to www.rolltide.com or call 205-348-9727.

TIDEBITS

SUMMER RECAP

BASEBALL

→ Right-hand pitcher Jimmy Nelson, left-hand pitcher Del Howell and third baseman Jake Smith were named to the 2008 Texas Collegiate League all-league squad. Nelson was voted the league's top freshman player.

BASKETBALL

→ Former Crimson Tide stellar guard Antoine Pettway has returned to the Capstone as an assistant coach on Mark Gottfried's staff. Renowned for playing in red shoes and hitting the game winning shot vs. Florida that won the SEC for Alabama in 2002, Pettway had been at assistant at Jacksonville State.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

→ New head coach Wendell Hudson, the legendary Crimson Tide player from 1971-73, has completed his first staff, which will include associate head coach Joni Crenshaw, assistant Ty Evans, assistant Stacey Franklin and director of operations Heather Mesalam.

CROSS COUNTRY

→ Joe Walker's Crimson Tide opens its 2008 schedule Friday, September 5 at the UT-Chattanooga Powerade Meet. UA is coming off a sixth place national finish from 2007. Emmanuel Bor, last year's SEC champion, returns for his junior year. The women's cross country team will be competing in Nashville in the Belmont Opener on the same day.

FOOTBALL

→ Coach Nick Saban and his wife Terry distributed approximately $350,000 to 70 charities at a recent luncheon held in the Mal Moore Athletic Complex. Since arriving in Tucaloosa, the Sabans have helped raise more than $650,00 in their Nick's Kids Fund, making donations to more than 140 children's charities.

GOLF (M)

→ Phillip Weaver, Matthew Swan and incoming freshman Bud Cauley were among the qualifiers for the 2008 United States Amateur Championship. Weaver will be a sophomore this year while Swan, who will be making his fourth appearance in the U.S. Amateur, is a senior.

GOLF (W)

→ On the heels of the most successful individual season in Alabama women's golf history junior Kathleen Ekey was one 27 amateurs to compete in the field of 156 in the U.S. Open that was held at the Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn. Ekey had qualified for the Open after finishing third overall and first amongst amateurs at the U.S. Open sectional qualifying at the Skokie Country Club in Glencoe, Ill.

ROWING

→ The University of Alabama Women's Rowing Team completed its second year of existence. Success has come early and often for Alabama Rowing under Head Coach Larry Davis. The Tide earned top-5 finishes at a number of the regattas it competed at last season and won a number of races in dual meet competitions against established programs. At the Dad Vail College Championships, the Tide advanced to the semi-finals in all its races, and had two boats competing in the finals.

SOCCER

→ The Crimson Tide opens the 2008 season Friday, August 29 when it travels to Memphis to take on the Tigers. The first home game will be Sunday, August 31 when Jacksonville State visits Tuscaloosa for a 7:00 p.m. start. It will be the start of a new era for the Tide, now under the leadership of former Clemson head coach Todd Bramble.

SWIMMING

→ Current Alabama swimmers Hannah Brinks, Kate Shannon Gray and Chris Peery all competed during the week-long US Olympic trials in Omaha, Nebraska as did incoming freshmen Joe Ziegler and Suzanne Schwee. Rounding out the crimson and white contingent will be Carrie Ellis, who served as the Tide's volunteer coach last season. Sophomore diver Aaron Fleshner finished seventh in the three-meter board.

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TENNIS (M)

→ Former Georgia star Bo Hodge, a four-time All-American and a member of a national championship team, has joined the Alabama staff as an assistant to Billy Pate. Although he played professionally and was twice the No. 2 ranked player in the NCAAs, he also is known as a former coach and hitting partner of the Serena and Venus Williams.

TENNIS (W)

→ For the sixth time since 2002, Jenny Mainz's team posted the highest GPA among the Crimson Tide athletic teams. For the 2007-08 school year, the squad posted a 3.51 overall average.

TRACK AND FIELD (W)

→ Freshmen Angelica Howard, Meghan Austin and Christina Octavien competed in the USA Junior National Track and Field Championship in Columbus, Ohio this summer. Howard participated in the shot put and hammer. Austin threw the javelin and Octavien threw the discus.

TRACK AND FIELD (M)

→ Miguel Pate, the former Tide star who won the 2002 national indoor long jump championship, finished third in the U.S. Olympic Trials to earn a coveted spot on the team that is competing in Beijing.

VOLLEYBALL

→ Coach Judy Green's Crimson Tide will play host to Western Kentucky, Nicholls State and Iowa in the annual Crimson Tide Invitational Friday, August 29 and Saturday August 30 in the CAVE. Alabama will play WKU Friday at 7:00 p.m. and come back Saturday to face NSU at 1:30 and Iowa at 7:00 p.m.

ALABAMA BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY EXHIBITION SERIES IN CUBA

UA BASEBALL TEAM WILL MAKE TRIP TO CUBA IN DECEMBER FOR HISTORIC SERIES

The University of Alabama baseball team will play an exhibition series in Havana, Cuba, in mid-December 2008. The Crimson Tide will play a three-game exhibition series against a group of collegiate level players from the Institute of Superior Physical Education in Havana. The trip was approved by the United States Treasury Department and is permitted by NCAA rules. The three games will not count toward Alabama's 56-game schedule during the 2009 season.

"We are very grateful to all the people who worked so hard to make this trip possible," Alabama head coach Jim Wells said. "This will be the opportunity of a lifetime for the players, coaches and staff who participate. The trip to Havana will be a wonderful educational experience for all of us involved. And, since we will play against some of the very best collegiate players in Havana, this will be a great opportunity for the Crimson Tide program."

The trip to Cuba is not the first time the Alabama baseball team has played exhibition games off American soil. In 1957, the Crimson Tide team played a 20-game exhibition schedule that included a series of games in Japan.

CENTERPLATE TO SERVE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ATHLETICS

Centerplate, Inc., the Stamford, Connecticut-based entertainment hospitality company, has been selected to provide food, beverage and retail merchandise services at the 92,000 seat Bryant-Denny Stadium, the 15,000 seat Coleman Coliseum, and all the other University of Alabama athletic facilities. Centerplate won a competitive bidding process conducted by the University's media-rights manager, Crimson Tide Sports Marketing, a joint venture between Learfield Sports and ISP Sports. Centerplate will begin operations this summer.

"We are energized by this new partnership," said Janet Steinmayer, President and CEO of Centerplate. "I believe this is indicative of a shift in the University market where we will see more collegiate athletic facilities seeking to provide their alumni and students with high quality guest experiences."

Centerplate will also provide design and construction management services to renovate a number of the service areas of the athletic facilities. Centerplate will inject key aspects of the University's iconography to reflect Alabama fans' school pride. Centerplate's depth of operational experience provides a distinct advantage over traditional design firms because the Company can deliver not only aesthetically-compelling environments, but also operationally effective ones to generate incremental sales.

"Centerplate is a great fit for the University," noted Jim Carabin, General Manager of Crimson Tide Sports Marketing. "They really understand the dynamics of success in high-volume operations, but they also bring a truly strategic approach to enhancing the fan experience and driving sales."

In addition to the University of Alabama, Centerplate now serves the fans of 16 collegiate programs. Centerplate crafts and delivers extraordinary entertainment experiences in over 130 prominent sports, entertainment and convention venues across North America. Centerplate has provided its services to many high profile events including 24 World Series games, 9 U.S. Presidential Inaugural Balls, 11 Super Bowls (including the most recent in Arizona), 9 NCAA Final Four Men's Basketball Tournaments and 14 World Cup Soccer games.

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FORMER CRIMSON TIDE FOOTBALL PLAYERS WERE ON 19 NFL ROSTERS AS CAMP OPENED IN JULY.

ATLANTA FALCONS:
KINDAL MOOREHEAD

ARIZONA CARDINALS:
TIM CASTILLE

BALTIMORE RAVENS:
JARRETT JOHNSON, LE'RON MCCLAIN

CAROLINA PANTHERS:
EVAN MATHIS

CHICAGO BEARS:
MARK ANDERSON

CINCINNATI BENGALS:
JUSTIN BRITT, SIMEON CASTILLE, MICHAEL MYERS, ANTWAN ODOM

DETROIT LIONS:
RAMZEE ROBINSON

GREEN BAY PACKERS:
CHARLIE PEPRAH

HOUSTON TEXANS:
DEMECO RYANS

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS:
BRODIE CROYLE

MIAMI DOLPHINS:
KEITH SAUNDERS, JUSTIN SMILEY

MINNESOTA VIKINGS:
DERRICK POPE

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS:
WESLEY BRITT, FERNANDO BRYANT KENNY SMITH

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS:
ROMAN HARPER

NEW YORK GIANTS:
JEREMY CLARK, WALLACE GILBERRY DJ HALL

PITTSBURGH STEELERS:
ANTHONY MADISON, DESHEA TOWNSEND

ST. LOUIS RAMS:
MATT CADDELL

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS:
KENNETH DARBY

WASHINGTON REDSKINS:
CORNELIUS GRIFFIN, CHRIS SAMUELS

BATTLE GIVES BACK

STORY BY TOMMY FORD

Bill Battle, a giant in the sports licensing industry and a member of the 1961 Crimson Tide national championship squad, has made a $3 million pledge to the Crimson Tide Foundation. For his commitment, the Athletic Department's primary academic building, the Center for Athletic Student Services (C.A.S.S.), will be named the **Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services.**

"The University of Alabama meant a great deal to me while I was in school there," said Battle, a Birmingham native. "And, it means more with each passing year. It not only provided me with the opportunity to acquire a wonderful education, it allowed me to play for the greatest football coach of all time and his talented staff. It also enabled me to play with a very special group of teammates, a large majority of whom have done extremely well in life after football."

Battle certainly qualifies as one of those great success stories from Coach Paul W. Bryant's first national championship team. Upon finishing the University in 1963, Battle embarked on a successful coaching career as an assistant coach at the University of Oklahoma, the United States Military Academy, and the University of Tennessee. At 28 years of age, he assumed the reigns as head coach for the Volunteers, compiling a 59-22-2 record from 1970-76 with five bowl appearances and three top-10 teams.

In the national sports industry, though, it was in the licensing area where Battle made his mark. In 1981, while working for Golden Eagle Enterprises in Selma, he signed Coach Bryant to a licensing agency agreement. Shortly thereafter, Battle founded the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC), moved its headquarters to Atlanta, Ga., and grew the company over the next quarter-century to become the nation's largest marketing agency dedicated to providing domestic and international licensing services to the collegiate market. CLC currently represents more than 150 colleges, universities, bowls, and conferences, as well as the NCAA and the Heisman Trophy. Industry experts credit Battle's company in growing the U.S. retail market for collegiate merchandise from approximately $250 million in 1984 to more than $4 billion today.

Last year, Battle sold the company to IMG, the world's premier sports, entertainment and media company. He remains active in the company, serving as its chairman with son Pat running the expanded IMG College Group that owns CLC and Host Communications. Son Mike heads up CLC's Promotional Licensing Division, and daughter Shannon recently retired to the homefront, devoting full-time to raising two children.

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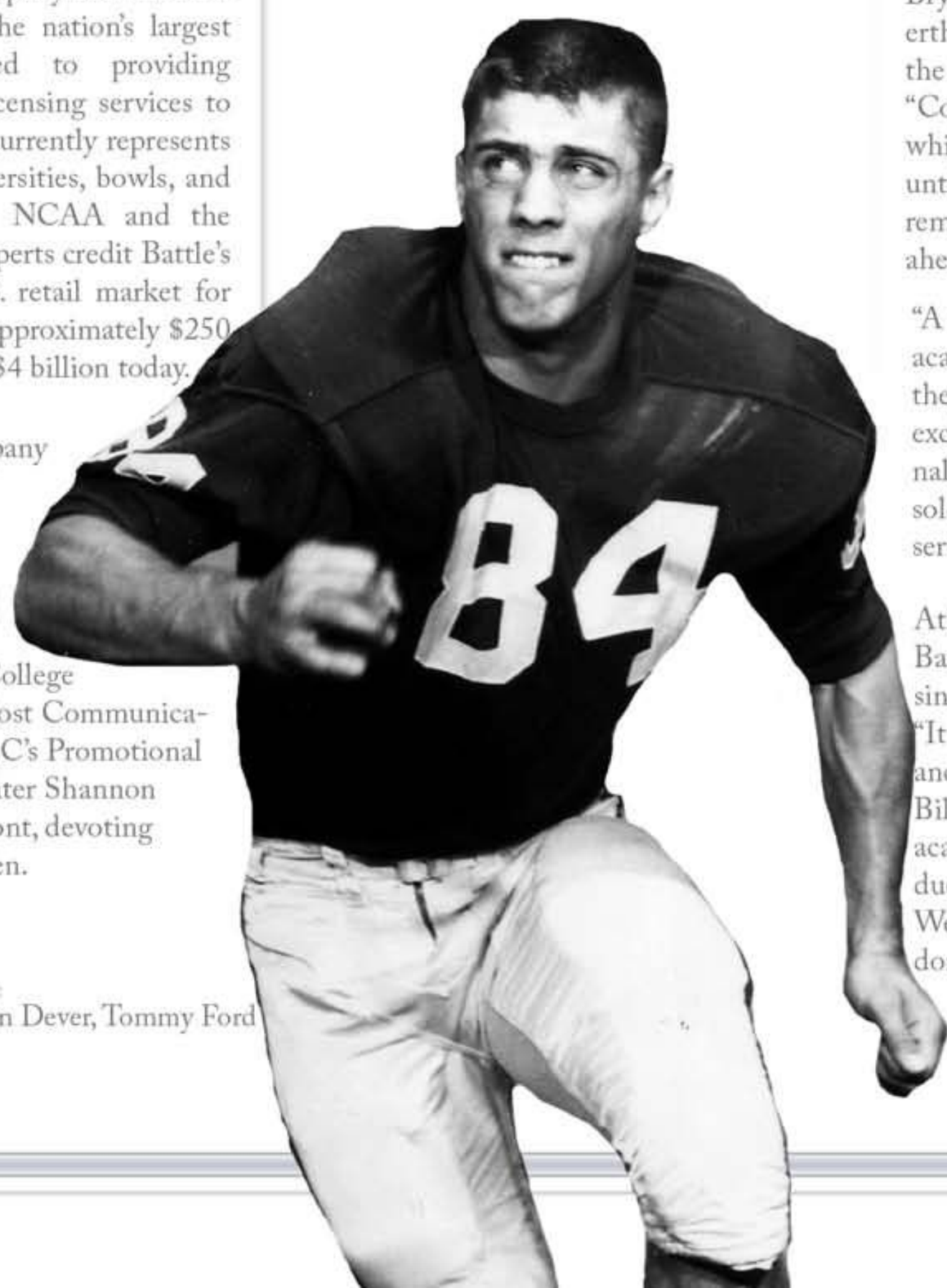

PICTURED LEFT (FROM L TO R):
Ronnie Robertson, Bill Battle, Jon Dever, Tommy Ford

PICTURED RIGHT:
Bill Battle

Battle credits his corporate success to the University of Alabama and for his generous gift back to the school he so dearly loves. "When I started our collegiate licensing business in 1981, Alabama was the first university to sign with our company," he said. "Since then, the University has been a cornerstone partner in helping us stay on the leading edge of the industry.

"I have always had a strong desire to give back to the University, and last year's purchase of CLC by IMG provided both the resources and the proper timing for the gift."

Battle's pledge to the Crimson Tide Foundation offered him a variety of athletic facility naming right opportunities from which to choose. He chose academics, an area near and dear to his heart. "My dad, a professor for 33 years at Birmingham Southern College, and my mom, a junior high school English teacher, raised me to believe that getting an education was a critical element of success," he said. "When I was playing at Alabama, our academic counselor, Dr. Don McDaniel, had a very positive influence on my desire to get an education. Dr. Mac's leadership in the academic area and Coach Bryant's teaching us about the game of life prepared me in many ways for everything else I've done in life."

The Center for Athletic Student Services is housed in the old Bryant Hall, the football team dormitory for more than 35 years. A $10 million renovation in 2005 transformed the building into a 52,300 square foot state-of-the-art facility for academics, serving more than 400 Crimson Tide student-athletes.

Although Battle just missed being able to live in Bryant Hall when he played for the Tide, he nevertheless feels a close tie to the building and to the academic center that will soon bear his name. "Construction on the original Bryant Hall started while we were in school but it wasn't finished until after we had graduated," he said. "I well remember it being state-of-the-art and way ahead of its time.

"A couple of years ago, when I first saw the new academic center, I was extremely impressed with the programs in place now for athletes. It is exciting for me to see this great facility, originally built to house the athletes, is now used solely for academic and student-athlete services."

Athletic Director Mal Moore, a teammate of Battle's in the early 1960s and a close friend since, is genuinely touched by Battle's pledge. "It is a great feeling to know that this university, and athletics in particular, means so much to Bill," Moore said. "It's so fitting that our academic center will bear his name, especially due to his academic and corporate successes. We will forever be grateful to Bill and all he's done for us."

ROLL CALL

THE FACES OF CRIMSON TIDE STUDENT-ATHLETES

JAMYCHAL GREEN

FRESHMAN – MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

True freshman forward JaMychal Green's summer included collecting his 2008 "Mr. Basketball" award as the top player in the state from the Alabama Sportswriters Association, enrolling in his first semester of college classes in summer school at the UA, and representing his country internationally on a basketball court. The Montgomery, Ala., native was one of 12 players selected nationally to represent the United Starts on its U18 USA Team. He and his teammates won their way to the gold medal game at the FIBA Americas Championships in Formosa, Argentina in July. Green started for the USA in every game. He had 14 rebounds and 10 points in a loss against Argentina, 12 points in a win against Puerto Rico, 16 points and 10 rebounds against Canada, and 13 points and 8 rebounds against the Bahamas and four points and five rebounds against Venezuela. The USA went 4-1 at the championships. By advancing to the finals, Green automatically wins a trip next summer to New Zealand with his teammates who will then make up the USA U19 national team.

BUD CAULEY

FRESHMAN – MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The freshman from Jacksonville, Fla., made an impact internationally this summer by becoming co-champion at the 2008 Toyota Junior World Cup. Cauley was one of four players selected nationally to represent the USA. In a competition that originally stretched six continents and included 60 countries, Cauley and his USA teammates were among the 16 teams that advanced to the finals in Toyota City, Japan. The USA finished fifth overall. Cauley, a 2008 U.S. Amateur participant, shot 68-67-67-70/272 to tie with Norway's Anders Kristiansen at 12-under par to co-share top medalist honors.

AGUSTINA DE GIOVANNI

SENIOR – SANTE FE, ARGENTINA

It's been a very, very long year for rising junior Agustina de Giovanni. The swimmer started smashing school records during the dual meet season last fall and then went on to earn All-American honors, set a South American record in the 400 IM the day after the NCAA Championships. She now stands among Alabama's all-time top-10 in eight different events. And then, this summer, she enjoyed a trip to Beijing for the 2008 Olympics where she competed for her native Argentina in the 200m breaststroke, marking her second trip to the Olympics.

KATHLEEN EKEY

SENIOR – WADSWORTH, OHIO

Alabama Honorable Mention All-American Kathleen Ekey continued her golf game during the summer on the heels of the most successful season in Alabama women's golf history. The senior to be qualified for the U.S. Open as one of 27 amateurs and got to play with the world's best as part of the 156 player field. The Wadsworth, Ohio native got to play on the tough par-73, 6789-yard Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn. Ekey returns to campus as the single season stroke average and single round record holder at the Capstone.

AARON FLESHNER

JUNIOR – SPRING, TEXAS

After finishing third off the three-meter board at the 2008 NCAA Championships, rising junior Aaron Fleshner was one of just 15 divers in the country to be invited to the United States Olympic Trials. Fleshner dove extremely well at his first trials and just missed the top six and the chance to compete for one of the two spots available on the U.S. team off the three-meter board. Fleshner returns to campus as one of the favorites to win an NCAA title in diving this spring.

KAYLA HOFFMAN

SOPHOMORE – UNION, NEW JERSEY

Kayla Hoffman enjoyed what could only be termed an extraordinary freshman year. Hoffman earned All-Southeastern Conference and All-American honors as a rookie, a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll as well as Scholastic All-American honors. What makes her academic success, which included a perfect 4.0 grade point average for her first semester, even more amazing is that Hoffman was homeschooled from the third grade all the way up to her first day of classes at the University. Patterson said that Hoffman has provided to the blueprint to success for anyone coming to college from a homeschool environment.

CHARLOTTE MORGAN

JUNIOR – MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Charlotte Morgan produced one of the most impressive seasons in Southeastern Conference history as she led Alabama to a third-place finish in the Women's College World Series and a SEC West title. Morgan gamered first-team All-America honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and Easton. She was also selected as one-of-10 finalists for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year. In the classroom, Morgan earned third-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America accolades as well as academic All-District honors and SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition. She drove in a SEC-record 79 runs, which led the nation while hitting .417 with 19 doubles and 19 home runs. Morgan posted a .489 on-base percentage and an .813 slugging percentage. Morgan also starred in the circle for the Crimson Tide with an 18-2 record, seven complete games and a team-low 1.27 ERA in 104.1 innings.

JOSH RUTLEDGE

SOPHOMORE – CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Josh Rutledge was named Freshman All-American in 2008, after leading the Crimson Tide with a .369 batting average. He was the first true freshman to pace the Tide in hitting since David Magadan hit a team-best .389 in 1981. In addition, Rutledge played for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in the wooden-bat Cape Cod League this summer and the led his team in hits and runs scored.

Q AND A WITH TODD BRAMBLE

Alabama's new era in soccer begins this fall as head coach Todd Bramble leads the Crimson Tide into the 2008 season. Coach Bramble took time to discuss his transition and his thoughts on his first UA team.

What is the BIGGEST CHALLENGE of being a first year head coach at UA?

One of the first things any new coach has to do is implement new systems, expectations and developing a soccer culture within the program. Every coach has a different style and vision of how the game should be played. That has proven to be true here, so now it is up to our staff to clearly and efficiently communicate that to the players. My expectation is to have measurable success immediately.

What has been your impression of the UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA?

It has academic momentum, athletic momentum and is a clean, beautiful campus full of friendly people. I am finding it very easy to recruit the nation's best and brightest student athletes to the Capstone. It has exceeded my expectations in every way.

What has been the BIGGEST ADJUSTMENT from Clemson University?

Just learning the overall landscape of the SEC. Having been in the ACC for the last 13 years it was easy to navigate every aspect of a season. Here in the SEC, scheduling presents a new challenge regarding recovery and regeneration for the players as we have one less day off in between games. Our staff has diligently gone about researching this area.

How do you think the SEC will shape up this year?

It should be the most competitive year in the history of the league. We should be one of the top three or four ranked conferences in the nation. The NCAA committee could possibly select as many as seven teams for postseason play with a few of those having the talent to make a very deep run in the tournament.

What is your favorite thing to do on an OFF DAY?

I know I'm not supposed to answer a question with a question, but what is an off day? Every minute of free time I get I want to spend it with my family. You would most likely find us having fun on Lake Tuscaloosa or taking in a University of Alabama sporting event.

AWARDS

ARTHUR ASHE, JR. SPORTS SCHOLAR AWARD

To garner Scholar Award recognition, a student-athlete must complete in an intercollegiate sport, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a 4.00 scale, and be active on campus or in the community.

ASHLEY O'NEAL, GYMNASTICS

BRAD DAVIS SEC COMMUNITY SERVICE POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The SEC awards 24 Community Service Scholarships each year. Two $5,000 awards are given to the top male and female in the conference and 22 additional $2,000 scholarships are given out to 11 males and 11 females.

MEGAN HUDSON, VOLLEYBALL

COSIDA ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

To garner Academic All-American recognition, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00 have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing.

KAILEY CORKEN, SOCCER
LAURA GOODWIN, WOMEN'S GOLF
KASSI PRICE, GYMNASTICS
JOSEPH SYKORA,MEN'S GOLF

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

To garner Academic All-District, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale for his/her career. No athlete is eligible until he/she has reached sophomore athletic and academic standing

AUSTIN SHIREY, MEN'S SWIMMING

CLEVELAND GOLF ALL-AMERICA SCHOLARS

To garner All-American Scholar recognition, a golf student-athlete must be a junior or senior academically and compete in at least two full years at the collegiate level, participate in 70 percent of his teams' competitive round or compete in the NCAA championships, have a stroke average under 76.0 and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a 4.00 scale.

MATT HUGHES, MEN'S GOLF
JOSEPH SYKORA, MEN'S GOLF
MATTHEW SWAN, MEN'S GOLF

COLLEGIATE ROWING COACHES ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR ATHLETES

To garner CRCA Scholar recognition, a rowing student-athlete must maintain a 3.5 grade point average for her career, be at least a sophomore in eligibility, and have competed in 75 percent of the team's spring races.

SARAH BEAVER, ROWING
MCKENNA FREASE, ROWING
LEIGH ANN LAZARUS, ROWING
MARGARET STROJNY, ROWING
KATIE TIPPEY, ROWING
STACEY OGLE, ROWING
COURTNEY CRUMBY, ROWING
BAILEY SANDERS, ROWING

NATIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR TEAM

To garner All-American Scholar recognition, a golf student-athlete must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale and have competed in at least 50% of the regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year.

LAURA GOODWIN, WOMEN'S GOLF
HELENA BLOOMBERG, WOMEN'S GOLF

USTFCCCA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

To garner All-Academic Team recognition, a track student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 ad have met either the NCAA Division I automatic or provisional qualifying standard or the NCAA Division I Outdoor regional or national qualifying standard

DAVID CHAPLIN, MEN'S TRACK & FIELD
NICOLE OKOLO, WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
BETTY ROTICH, WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
BRANDON SPRADLEY, MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

To garner SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition, each student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale for either the preceding academic year or a cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

BASEBALL

Brock Bennett
John B. Clark
Vincent DiFazio
Del Howell
Brandon May
Tyler Odle
Robert Phares
Will Stroup
Jeff Texada

BASKETBALL (M)

Greg Cage
John Dill
Richard Hendrix
Demetrius Jemison
Kyle Sellers
Justin Tubbs

BASKETBALL (W)

Camilla Blands
Alyson Butler
Courtney Strauthers
Tamara Williams

FOOTBALL

Antoine Caldwell
Evan Cardwell
Jaime Christiansen
Matt Collins
Josh Curry
Drew Davis
Trent Dean
Hampton Gray
Terry Grant
Bobby Greenwood
Charlie Higgenbotham
Charlie Hoke
Mike Johnson
Rashad Johnson
Charlie Kirschman
Greg McElroy
Darren Mustin
Taylor Pharr
Chris Rogers
Brian Selman

GOLF (M)

Mark Harrell
Matt Hughes
Ben Moody
Matt Swan
Joseph Sykora
Stewart Whitt

GOLF (W)

Helena Blomberg
Kathleen Ekey
Laura Goodwin
Sarah Sturm
Kelley Vandenburg

GYMNASTICS

Alyssa Chapman
Morgan Dennis
Ricki Lebegern
Brittany Magee
Cassie Martin
Amanda Montgomery
Ashley O'Neal
Casey Overton
Kassi Price
Kaitlin White

ROWING

Jessica Autrey
Sarah Beaver
Bryn Crawford
Victoria Croy
Courtney Crumby
McKenna Frease
Rachel Justiss
Leigh Ann Lazarus
Courtney Lewallen
Tacoma Morrissey
Stacey Ogle
Bailey Sanders
Katie Spohr
Margaret Strojny
Katie Tippey
Cathryn Whitlock

SOCCER

Alex Butera
Ann B. Collins
Kailey Corken
Jessie Deegan
Kara Gudmens
Cara Kelly
Kelsey King
Karen Lansden
Hayley MacDonald
Jordan O'Banion
Callie Pike
Colleen Posey
Jamie Zimmerman

SOFTBALL

Kellie Eubanks
Ashley Holcombe
Katie Johnson
Kelley Montalvo
Charlotte Morgan
Chrissy Owens
Lauren Parker
Jordan Praytor
Brittany Rogers
Jessica Smith
Dani Woods

SWIMMING AND DIVING (M)

Kevin Greer
Kyle Lee
Clint McClendon
Sam Morgan
Andy Schnack
Austin Shirey

SWIMMING AND DIVING (W)

Caitlin Anderson
Allyson Angle
Brooke Baldi
Erin Sparks
Hannah Brinks
Augustina DeGiovanni
Elizabeth Hughes
Julie Richards
Nicole Roberts
Mary Kate Sellers
Kim Singer

TENNIS (M)

Michael Jung
Saketh Myneni
Sammy Struyf
Matthew Thibaudeau

TENNIS (W)

Ellie St. Charles
Shannon Van Hoy
Vanessa von der Heyde,
Kacey Weddle
Maggie Zblewski
Paulina Bigos
Andrea Brenes
Shelley Godwin
Bianca Svensson
Alice Tunaru

TRACK AND FIELD (M)

Emmanuel Bor
David Chaplin
David Clyburn
Paul Guevara
GJ Hudgens
Michael Hughes
Chris Lenart
Augustus Maiyo
Alex Seiver
Cameron Sherrill
Brandon Spradley
Brandon Stephens
Grant Stone
Peter Voorhees

TRACK AND FIELD (W)

Rue Chitwood
Julie Hicks
Kim Laing
Kayla Natale
Farrah Steward
Katherine Strickland
Elizabeth Wilson

VOLLEYBALL

Lindsey Buteyn
Bridget Fuentez
Megan Hudson
Calli Johnson
Amy Pauly
Brigitte Slack
Jennifer Weber

SEC FRESHMAN ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

To garner SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll recognition, each student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00, be on scholarship or a letter winner, have completed 24 semester hours of non-remedial credit and have been a member of the varsity team for the sport's entire NCAA championship segment.

Josh Chapman, FOOTBALL
Nick Fanuzzi, FOOTBALL
Jennings Hester, FOOTBALL
Rolando McClain, FOOTBALL
Alfred McCullough, FOOTBALL
Hunter Slatton, MEN'S GOLF
Phillip Weaver, MEN'S GOLF
Courtney Harter, WOMEN'S GOLF
Camilla Lennarth, WOMEN'S GOLF
Kayla Hoffman, GYMNASTICS
Jennifer Iovino, GYMNASTICS
Megan Mashburn, GYMNASTICS
Sydney Barker, SOCCER
Victoria Frederick, SOCCER
Hailey Hull, SOCCER
Carly Mygrants, SOCCER
Callie O'Steen, SOCCER
Brooke Rogers, SOCCER
Molly Wittig, SOCCER
Catherine Dozier, SOFTBALL
Kelsi Dunne, SOFTBALL
Whitney Larsen, SOFTBALL
Daniel Armstrong, MEN'S SWIMMING
Adam Booher, MEN'S SWIMMING
Catalin Cosma, MEN'S SWIMMING
Daniel Roznick, MEN'S SWIMMING
Brittany Busch, MEN'S SWIMMING
Lauren Dunn, WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Baylee Ellson, WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Kate Shannon Gray, WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Jenna Montgomery, WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Ida Persson, WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Paige Troyan, WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Meritt Emery, WOMEN'S TENNIS
Allison Nolen, WOMEN'S TENNIS
Tiffany Welcher, WOMEN'S TENNIS
Elise Wettermark, WOMEN'S TENNIS
Justin Brady, MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
David May, MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Jordan Harper, WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Meghan Hawkins, WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Angelica Howard, WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Haley Moody, WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Nicole Okolo, WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Rachel Robbs, WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Kiara Thompson, WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Mary Catherine Aune, VOLLEYBALL
Lauren Martin, VOLLEYBALL
Alyssa Meuth, VOLLEYBALL

08 FALL SCHEDULES

SOCCER

08.29	at	Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	5:00 p.m. CT
08.31	**VS.**	**JACKSONVILLE STATE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
09.05	at	Cal St Fullerton	Fullerton, Calif.	9:30 p.m. CT
09.07	at	USC	Los Angeles, Calif.	3:00 p.m. CT
09.12	**VS.**	**SAMFORD**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
09.14	**VS.**	**WRIGHT STATE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**2:30 P.M. CT**

CRIMSON TIDE CLASSIC

09.19	Jacksonville vs. Miss.Valley State		Tuscaloosa, Ala.	5:00 p.m. CT
	VS. CHATTANOOGA		**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:30 P.M. CT**
09.21	Jacksonville vs. Chattanooga		Tuscaloosa, Ala.	12:00 p.m. CT
	VS. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE		**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**2:30 P.M. CT**

09.26	at	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	7:00 p.m. CT
09.28	at	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	12:00 p.m. CT
10.03	**VS.**	**MISSISSIPPI STATE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
10.05	**VS.**	**MISSISSIPPI**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:00 P.M. CT**
10.10	at	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	7:00 p.m. CT
10.12	at	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	1:00 p.m. CT
10.17	**VS.**	**SOUTH CAROLINA**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
10.19	**VS.**	**FLORIDA**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:00 P.M. CT**
10.23	at	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	6:00 p.m. CT
10.26	**VS.**	**GEORGIA**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:00 P.M. CT**
10.31	at	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	7:30 p.m. CT

VOLLEYBALL

08.29	**VS.**	**WESTERN KENTUCKY**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
08.30	**VS.**	**NICHOLLS STATE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:00 P.M. CT**
	VS.	**IOWA**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**

University of Miami Tournament

09.05	vs.	South Dakota St.	Miami, Fla.	10:00 a.m. ET
	vs.	Virginia Commonwealth	Miami, Fla.	7:00 p.m. ET
09.06	at	Miami	Miami, Fla.	11:00 a.m. ET

CRIMSON TIDE INVITATIONAL

09.12	**vs.**	**Samford**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:00 p.m. CT**
	vs.	**South Florida**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**7:00 p.m. CT**
09.13	**vs.**	**Murray State**	**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**	**1:30 p.m. CT**

09.19	at	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	7:00 p.m. ET
09.21	at	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	1:30 p.m. ET
09.26	**VS.**	**AUBURN**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
10.03	**VS.**	**FLORIDA**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
10.05	**VS.**	**SOUTH CAROLINA**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:30 P.M. CT**
10.10	at	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	7:00 p.m. CT
10.12	at	Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	1:30 p.m. CT
10.17	**VS.**	**GEORGIA**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
10.19	**VS.**	**LSU**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:30 P.M. CT**
10.24	**VS.**	**TENNESSEE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
10.26	**VS.**	**KENTUCKY**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:30 P.M. CT**
10.29	at	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.	7:00 p.m. CT
11.02	at	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	1:30 p.m. CT
11.07	at	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	7:00 p.m. CT
11.09	at	Georgia	Athens, Ga.	1:30 p.m. ET
11.14	**VS.**	**OLE MISS**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**
11.16	**VS.**	**ARKANSAS**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**1:30 P.M. CT**
11.21	at	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	7:00 p.m. ET
11.23	at	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	1:30 p.m. ET
11.28	**VS.**	**MISSISSIPPI STATE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**7:00 P.M. CT**

FOOTBALL

08.30	vs.	Clemson	Atlanta, Ga. (Georgia Dome)	7:00 p.m. CT
09.06	**VS.**	**TULANE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**6:00 P.M. CT**
09.13	**VS.**	**WESTERN KENTUCKY**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**6:00 P.M. CT**
09.20	at	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	TBA
09.27	at	Georgia	Athens, Ga.	TBA
10.04	**VS.**	**KENTUCKY**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**TBA**
10.18	**VS.**	**OLE MISS**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**TBA**
10.25	at	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
11.01	**VS.**	**ARKANSAS STATE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**TBA**
11.08	at	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	TBA
11.15	**VS.**	**MISSISSIPPI STATE**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**TBA**
11.29	**VS.**	**AUBURN**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**TBA**

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

09.05	UTC Powerade	Chattanooga, Tenn.	All Day
09.20	**CRIMSON CLASSIC**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**ALL DAY**
10.04	Auburn Invitational	Auburn, Ala.	All Day
	Dellinger XC	Eugene, Ore.	All Day
10.18	Pre-NCAA Meet	Terre Haute, Ind.	All Day
11.03	SEC Championships	Starkville, Miss.	All Day
11.15	NCAA Regionals	Knoxville, Tenn.	All Day
11.24	NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	All Day

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

09.05	Belmont Opener	Chattanooga, Tenn.	All Day
09.20	**CRIMSON CLASSIC**	**TUSCALOOSA, ALA.**	**ALL DAY**
09.27	Loyola Lakefront	Chicago, Ill.	All Day
10.18	Chile Pepper	Fayetteville, Ark.	All Day
11.03	SEC Championships	Starkville, Miss.	All Day
11.15	NCAA Regionals	Knoxville, Tenn.	All Day
11.24	NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	All Day

MEN'S GOLF

09.12	Carpet Capital Collegiate	The Farm - Rocky Face, Ga.	All Day
09.28	PING/Golfweek Preview	Inverness Club - Toledo, Ohio	All Day
10.12	Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate	Old Overton Club - Birmingham	All Day
10.26	Isleworth Collegiate Invitational	Isleworth Golf and CC - Windermere, Fl.	All Day

WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA FALL PREVIEW			
09.07-09	Georgetown	Caves Valley Golf Club Owings Mills, MD.	All Day
COUGAR FALL CLASSIC			
09.14-16	College of Charleston	Yeamans Hall - Charleston, S.C.	All Day
MASON RUDOLPH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP			
09.26-28	Vanderbilt	Legends Golf Club - Franklin, Tenn.	All Day
DERBY INVITATIONAL			
10.24-26	Auburn	Auburn University Club - Auburn, Ala.	All Day
HOOTER'S COLLEGIATE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP			
11.02-04	National Golf Coaches Association	Ginn Reunion Resort - Celebration Fla.	All Day

TICKETS ANYONE?

FOOTBALL

Once again season tickets for Alabama Football have sold out. Fans interested in being added to the TIDE PRIDE waiting list may do by visiting www.rolltide.com, and click TIDE PRIDE at the top banner.

Currently individual game tickets are sold out, however, should any returned tickets be received by visiting teams, those tickets will go on sale immediately.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Current Men's Basketball season ticket renewals will be sent out in August with a renewal deadline of October 3, 2008.

Anyone one wishing to purchase NEW Men's Basketball season tickets may do so online at www.rolltide.com or by contacting the Athletic Ticket Office at 205.348-BAMA.

Currently, TIDE PRIDE Men's Basketball season ticket sections are sold out. Tide fans interested in signing up for the TIDE PRIDE Men's Basketball Waiting List may do so by visiting www.rolltide.com, and click TIDE PRIDE at the top banner.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women's Basketball renewal applications to current season ticket holders will be sent out in August.

Those wishing to purchase Women's Basketball season tickets for the first time may do so at www.rolltide.com.

VOLLEYBALL

Fans interested in purchasing Volleyball season tickets may do so at www.rolltide.com.

ADDITIONS

UA HIRES DAVE HART

Dave Hart, Jr., former highly successful director of athletics at Florida State University and East Carolina University, officially joined the UA staff as Executive Director of Athletics on August 10. Prior to joining Mal Moore's staff, Hart had been serving as an advisor to the Atlantic Coast Conference and ACC Commissioner John Swofford.

"I am very proud and pleased to be able to add Dave Hart to our athletic staff," Moore said. "Dave is a proven leader with a strong administrative background. He is a former Crimson Tide athlete who is passionate about The University of Alabama and I am delighted to welcome him to our staff."

HART

Hart's role at Alabama will focus on assisting the Director of Athletics with the day-to-day operations of the athletic department, helping lead the administrative team in the daily operations of the department. A 1971 Alabama graduate, Hart played basketball for the Crimson Tide under legendary head coach C.M. Newton and earned a master's degree from UA in 1972 while working as a graduate assistant basketball coach.

"I have enthusiastically accepted Mal Moore's offer to return to the University of Alabama as Executive Director of Athletics," Hart said. "This is certainly a unique circumstance and opportunity. My respect for Mal Moore as a person, and my strong feelings for the Crimson Tide, led me to this decision. I look forward to contributing to a very bright future for Alabama Athletics."

Hart served more than 12 years (1995-2007) as Director of Athletics at Florida State, earning a reputation as one of the nation's top athletic directors. Prior to his tenure at Florida State, Hart spent 12 years at East Carolina including eight as director of athletics.

Hart is married to the former Pam Humble, a 1970 graduate of The University of Alabama, and the couple has three children: Rick, Jamie and Kelly. The Harts are the grandparents of five grandchildren: Trevor, Caroline, McKinley, Olivia and Kingsley.

CTSM NAMES CARABIN NEW GM

Crimson Tide sports marketing named Jim Carabin as its general manger this summer. A joint venture entity between Learfield Sports and ISP Sports, CTSM is the multimedia rights holder for the University of Alabama Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. CTSM provides a multitude of marketing and media sponsorship opportunities including radio, television, print, Internet, merchandise catalog, videos, special projects, game promotions, sponsorships, signage and coaches endorsements.

CARABIN

Carabin has been serving as associate general manager since December 2006, and before that, he was with the property during an earlier stint from 1998-2002. He served four years as associate commissioner for the Sun Belt Conference before returning to CTSM in 2006.

"Jim shares a long history with this property, and we're pleased to have him serve as general manager," said Learfield Sports Executive Vice President and COO Andy Rawlings. "He knows the market well, already has established relationships with the athletic administration, and he's proven to be the right person to lead this Alabama relationship for our companies."

"I am delighted that Jim Carabin is assuming the role of general manager of CTSM," said UA Director of Athletics Mal Moore. "In addition to being a trusted friend of our athletic department, Jim is suited to taking over the reins from Michael Alford. Jim is undertaking a role that has been tremendously important to our department over the last few years, and I am confident that he is the perfect person to carry our relationship forward for years to come."

SUMMER ADDITIONS

Jeff Aul, former football student-athlete, has been hired as an athletic intern in academics.
Bo Hodge has been hired as assistant men's tennis coach.
Victor Houston has been hired as assistant men's track and field coach.
Megan Hudson, former volleyball student-athlete, has been hired as an athletic intern in life skills.
Jason Johns has been hired as academic program advisor in academics.
Jill Lancaster has been hired as the Director of Life Skills.
John McCammon has been hired as a director of compliance.
Antoine Pettway, former men's basketball student-athlete, has been hired as assistant men's basketball coach.
Andree' Pickens, former gymnastics student-athlete, has been hired as a compliance coordinator
Nick Seiler has been hired as an assistant athletic trainer for softball
Matt Self has been hired as a compliance coordinator.
Rachel Smallwood has been hired as recruiting operations coordinator for football operations.

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM.
ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.

For questions regarding NCAA regulations, contact:
Alabama Athletics Compliance office at (205) 348-3615
or e-mail compliance@ia.ua.edu

COMPLIANCE CHALLENGE

Each question is worth one point. After you are finished, use the answers at the bottom to total up your score and see how you stack up!

1. Once his or her eligibility is exhausted, a student-athlete may receive gifts from fans or representatives of the institution's athletics interests (boosters).
   A. True. NCAA legislation no longer applies.
   B. False. Once a student-athlete, always a student-athlete.

2. A fan or booster can...
   A. Contact prospects, but only if they live in the same locale as the fan or booster.
   B. Contact a high school coach and encourage him or her to send a prospect to Alabama.
   C. Post messages on a prospect's myspace or facebook account.
   D. All of the above are examples of NCAA recruiting violations and may result in penalties for the institution and booster or fan.

3. Representatives of athletics interests (boosters) may attend meals with a prospect during his/her official visit
   A. True
   B. False

4. When a student-athlete celebrates his/her birthday, what may the student-athlete receive from boosters?
   A. Birthday card
   B. Gift valued at under $100
   C. Meal at their favorite restaurant
   D. Nothing. Anything received would be an example of an extra benefit, which are strictly prohibited by the NCAA

5. Former UA student-athletes are considered representatives of athletics interests (boosters) and thus held to the same standards as all other boosters when dealing with current student-athletes and prospects.
   A. True
   B. False

(5) All-American (4) All-SEC (3) Player of the Week
(2) Participation Award (0-1) Score for the other team

Answers: 1)B, 2)D, 3)B, 4)D, 5)A